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SUBJECT: UNCLAS ROME 2707 AND 15

1. S/PRS ADVISES NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE IS NOT REPEAT NOT BONA FIDE PRESS ORGANIZATION. WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN DENIED SENATE PRESS GALLERY CREDENTIALS BECAUSE OF AFFILIATION WITH U.S. LABOR PARTY REGARDED AS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. ALSO BARRED FROM WHITE HOUSE AFTER ATTEMPTING TO MISREPRESENT HIMSELF AS JOURNALIST FOR ESTABLISHED NEWS SYNDICATE.

2. LAST NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE, A LONG-ESTABLISHED LEGITIMATE NEWS SYNDICATE WITH OFFICES IN NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING IN WASHINGTON, ISSUED A DISCLAIMER SAYING IT WAS BEING VICTIMIZED BY IMPOSTERS POSING AS ITS REPRESENTATIVES. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DISCLAIMER ISSUED NOVEMBER 21.

(BEGIN TEXT)

"IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES HAVE BEEN RECENTLY CONTACTED BY INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING TO BE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE. IN FACT THESE PERSONS HAVE NO CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFICE AND HAVE BEEN USING OUR NAME TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO OBTAIN

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INTERVIEWS WHICH THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SECURE IF THEIR

REAL IDENTITY WAS KNOWN.

"WE ARE A FULLY ACCREDITED SYNDICATED NEWS SERVICE FOUNDED NEARLY FIFTY (50) YEARS AGO AND OUR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CREDENTIALS ISSUED BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE OF D.C., STATE DEPARTMENT, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, CONGRESS, AND OTHER ISSUING AUTHORITIES WHEREAS THE INDIVIDUALS CALLING UPON THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES CARRY NO IDENTIFICATION BUT USE OUR NAME TO GAIN ADMITTANCE.

"OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THESE PERSONS ARE ACTUALLY CONNECTED WITH A LEFTIST ORIENTED GROUP KNOWN AS THE U.S. LABOR PARTY WHO HAS A DIVISION CALLED NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE BUT THEY HAVE BEEN DROPPING THE WORDS NEW SOLIDARITY IN SEEKING THEIR INTERVIEWS.

"WE ARE TAKING LEGAL STEPS TO PREVENT THE FURTHER MISUSE OF OUR CORPORATE NAME BY THESE PERSONS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS AND SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUESTION CONCERNING ANYONE WHO REPRESENTS THEMSELF AS BEING FROM OUR OFFICE PLEASE ASK FOR IDENTIFICATION OR CALL US FOR VERIFICATION.

(END TEXT)

3. APPARENTLY NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE IS SPIN-OFF FROM STUDENTS FOR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RECOMMEND EMBASSY DECLINE REQUEST FOR ACCREDITATION ASSISTANCE.

5. PLEASE SLUG ALL FUTURE INQUIRIES ON THIS SUBJECT TO S/PRS WAGENSEIL. KISSINGER

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